

I claim:

Sub A 2 1. A method of imprinting sand or snow comprising,

providing a sand die comprising:

5 a plurality of detail blades having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches, said detail blades being separated from adjacent detail blades by a minimum distance of about .045 inch;

10 a side wall encircling said detail blades, said side wall having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches, said side wall being separated from adjacent detail blades by a minimum distance of about .045 inch;

15 a plate attached to said side wall and detail blades at approximately a perpendicular angle; and

a handle attached to said plate on the surface not attached to said detail blades;

placing the sand die over the sand or snow;

pressing the sand die into the sand or snow; and

20 removing the sand die from the sand or snow.

2. A method of imprinting sand or snow comprising:

providing a sand die having a side wall, said side wall having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches; said sand die further having a plate attached to said side wall at approximately a perpendicular angle;

5 having a plate attached to said side wall at approximately a perpendicular angle;

placing the sand die over the sand or snow;

pressing the sand die into the sand or snow; and

removing the sand die from the sand or snow.

16 3. A method of imprinting sand or snow comprising:

providing a sand die having a side wall, said side wall having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches;

placing the sand die over the sand or snow;

pressing the sand die into the sand or snow; and

removing the sand die from the sand or snow.

4. A method of imprinting sand or snow comprising:

providing a sand die having a plurality of detail blades depending from a plate, said detail blades having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches, said detail blades being separated from adjacent detail blades by a minimum distance of about .045 inch;

5 placing the sand die over the sand or snow;

pressing the sand die into the sand or snow; and

removing the sand die from the sand or snow.

10 5. A method of selling stamping sand dies comprising:

providing a sand die suitable for stamping sand or snow, said sand die comprising a plurality of detail blades having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches, said detail blades being separated from adjacent detail blades by a minimum distance of about .045 inch; said sand die further comprising a side wall encircling said detail blades, said side wall having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches, said side wall being separated from adjacent detail blades by a minimum distance of about .045 inch; said sand die further comprising a plate attached to said side wall and detail blades at approximately a perpendicular angle; said sand die further comprising a handle attached to said plate;

marking the sand dies, packaging, or associated display with an indication that the sand die is suitable for stamping sand or snow; and

5 purchasers.

6. A method of selling stamping sand dies comprising:

providing a sand die suitable for stamping sand or snow, said sand die comprising a side wall, said side wall having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches; said sand die further comprising a plate attached to said side wall at approximately a perpendicular angle;

providing sterilized sand packaged with the sand die:

marking the sand dies, packaging, or associated display with an indication that the sand die is suitable for stamping sand or snow; and

displaying or placing the sand die so marked to prospective purchasers.

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